

— Dr. Arthur's House
HA 1906

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1906

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Dr. Arthur's House

2. Location

street & number 1641 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Cardiff

vicinity of

congressional district 5th

state Maryland

county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Withers G., III and Joanne Horner

street & number same

telephone no.: (410)452-8449

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber CGH 1346

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 260

city, town Bel Air

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This beautiful Eastlake-stylized, two story frame house is located on the east side of Main Street in the Village of Cardiff, Maryland. The irregularly massed house is a large three bays by two with an overhanging second story on the main, west facade, providing a roof for the porch at the north and middle bays and a finish for a three-sided bay window in the south bay of the first-story. The steep slate gable roof with a north-south ridge is interrupted by a projecting gable capping the assymetric south bay of the main facade, with a single dormer establishing visual balance to the north. Two internal chimneys rise from the roof peak at the north and south endwalls, a third external flue is located near the west edge of the south endwall. Of interest is a narrow one-story office which has been built to the north of the house and is attached to the house by a shed-roof appendage at the building's rear. A small airspace between the house and office maintains the integrity of the main house.

Located at the middle bay of main facade, the entrance is a four-paneled double door with double outer doors and an eight-light transom. A long window is located in the north bay and the three-sided bay window has the building's 1/1 sash windows in each panel, a wide one in the middle panel. Two standard windows are in the upper north and middle bays with a double window in the south bay, centered on the gable. The dormer contains a small double window. A single window is located at the center of the gable.

The south endwall has a two story, three-sided bay window in the east upper and lower bays with windows in each panel. Single upper and lower windows articulate the west bays and two windows flank the internal chimney at the wide gable. The north endwall contains two single windows in the upper story and, again, two flanking the chimney at the gable. The north office blocks the lower story. The rear of the building has three windows delineating the upper bays. A rear entrance with a transom is located at the south bay of the rear, east side from the open shed-roof porch.

Access to the office space from the house is achieved by a shed-roof enclosure at the north bay of the east side which carries out the roofline of the open porch. An innocuous addition, the office is a narrow two bays with a window and door in the north and south bays, respectively. A simple western false-front actually lends to the camouflaging of the office between the close adjacent houses.

The unusual massing, the inset porch, and the projecting gable, dormer, and bay windows all lend to the embellishment of this complicated structure. The house is adorned with peaked lintels with cut-out scroll-work, decorative lightning rods, fish-scale siding at the gables, cut-out brackets with a celestial motif at the main facade first-story bay window, and spindle frieze, turned posts and spindle balustrade at the porch. China blue siding, cream trim, and burgundy detailing further enhances the appeal of this house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This circa 1895 Eastlake-stylized house is one of the more decorated structures in Cardiff. The light elements of spindle frieze and spool-like balustrade, carved brackets, and textures give an ethereal quality to this massive residence. Representative of the late Victorian era, the house has numerous windows, providing light and ventilation to the large interior. The roof covering is of the region's world-renowned slate, hand-split into shingles.

The house was originally built for Dr. W. Dallas Scarborough, a dentist, who moved in 1908 to another house in Delta. The house was acquired early in the twentieth century by the well-respected town physician, Dr. William Arthur. Arthur Street, the street running perpendicular to Main Street to the immediate south of this house, was named for him. The house remained in his family until 1978. In addition to this grand structure, Dr. Arthur had the house on the opposite corner of Arthur Street built for his daughter, Helen A. Heaps. (The house is documented as the Helen Heaps House.) That house is still retained by his granddaughter.

Originally owned by Thomas Hawkins (farmer) in a patented land grant known as "Hawkins Chance", this land was part of the tract sold by the Hawkins family to Rowland Parry, a Welsh quarry owner who operated one of the first prominent commercial quarries in the area. It was Parry who exhibited Peach Bottom slate in the London Crystal Palace exposition in 1850, winning it international recognition as the world's finest slate. "Hawkins Chance" was divided and sold in pieces, passing through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen. This parcel was part of the acquired lands of Humphrey R. Lloyd's, a Welsh quarry operator and landowner who was heavily involved with the development of north Cardiff in late 1800's. No plat of this lot and surrounding context was found.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See additional sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .22 acresQuadrangle name DeltaQuadrangle scale 24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 200 on tax map 5, as provided by accompanying map

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	none	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dianne H. Klairorganization Harford County Planning and Zoning date September 1995street & number 220 S. Main Street telephone (410)638-3103city or town Bel Air state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-4100
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DR. ARTHUR'S HOUSE
Title Search

CGH 1346/260	September 15, 1986	Grantor: James F. and Velma A. Haynie Grantee: Withers G. III and Joanne Horner Granted: town lot of .22 acres
HDC 1082/102	December 11, 1978	Grantor: Curtis V. and Eleanor H. Thompson Grantee: James F. and Velma A. Haynie Granted: same
HDC 905/108	August 18, 1972	Grantor: Helen A. Heaps Grantee: Curtis V. and Eleanor H. Thompson Granted: same
GCB 284/392	August 19, 1944	Grantor: Viola F. Arthur (widow) Grantee: Effie M. Arthur and daughter, Helen A. Heaps Granted: same
MEWR 253/368	December 3, 1938	Grantor: Helen A. and Marshall T. Heaps Grantee: Dr. William E. and Effie M. Arthur Granted: same
WSF 122/421	March 27, 1908	Grantor: William D. and Ella W. Waltz Grantee: Dr. William E. Arthur Granted: town lot with improvements for \$3000.00
WSF 104/383	August 4, 1902	Grantor: Clara T and W. Dallas Scarborough et al. Grantee: William D. Waltz Granted: town lot with improvements for \$3000.00
WSF 73/370	May 23, 1892	Grantor: Humphrey R. Lloyd et al. Grantee: Clara T. Scarborough Granted: a town lot, being part of a larger tract
ALJ 25/346	April 11, 1871	Grantor: Richard Hughes and wife Grantee: Jane H. Lloyd (daughter) Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch (see ALJ 9/29)
ALJ 9/30	May 29, 1857	Grantor: Richard Hughes et al. Grantee: John and Ellin Parry Granted: 8 acres 35 perches of "Hawkins Chance" for \$500.00

ALJ 9/29	May 29, 1857	Grantor: John Parry Grantee: Richard Hughes Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch
HDG 36/424	July 27, 1850	Grantor: Ro(w)land and Anne Parry Grantee: John Parry and Richard Hughes Granted: 3 1/2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$350.00
HDG 36/215	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Rowland Perry Grantee: John Perry and Richard Hughes Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$600.00
HDG 36/214 (indenture)	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Benjamin Williams Grantee: John Perry et al. Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$200.00
HDG 36/212	January 22, 1850	Grantor: Archibald A. and Nancy Hawkins Grantee: Rowland Perry (Parry) Granted: part of "Hawkins Chance" for \$850.00, acreage unknown
HDG 34/492	February 9, 1849	Grantor: Edward Proctor et al. Grantee: Archabald A. Hawkins Granted: "Hawkins Chance", being part of Thomas Hawkins landholdings; 74 acres 5 perches
HD 14/336	August 3, 1831	Grantor: Isaac Hawkins, heir to Thomas Hawkins Grantee: Thomas Proctor, heir to Edward Proctor Granted: The eighth part of land tracts "Hawkins Chance", "Williams Birthright", Mount Pleasant", and "Montgomerys Delight" . The four tracts contain 188 acres total. No mention of "eighth part" acreage.
Land Tract, Patented	After March 1774, when Harford est.	"Hawkins Chance", tract of 74 acres 5 perches granted to Thomas Hawkins. Located on the Maryland and Pennsylvania line at the north end of present day Cardiff. Divided, sold, and reworked often.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Delta Centennial, A souvenir book from the 1953 centennial celebration which was organized by the Delta-Cardiff Fire Company.

History of York County, Gibson. 1880.

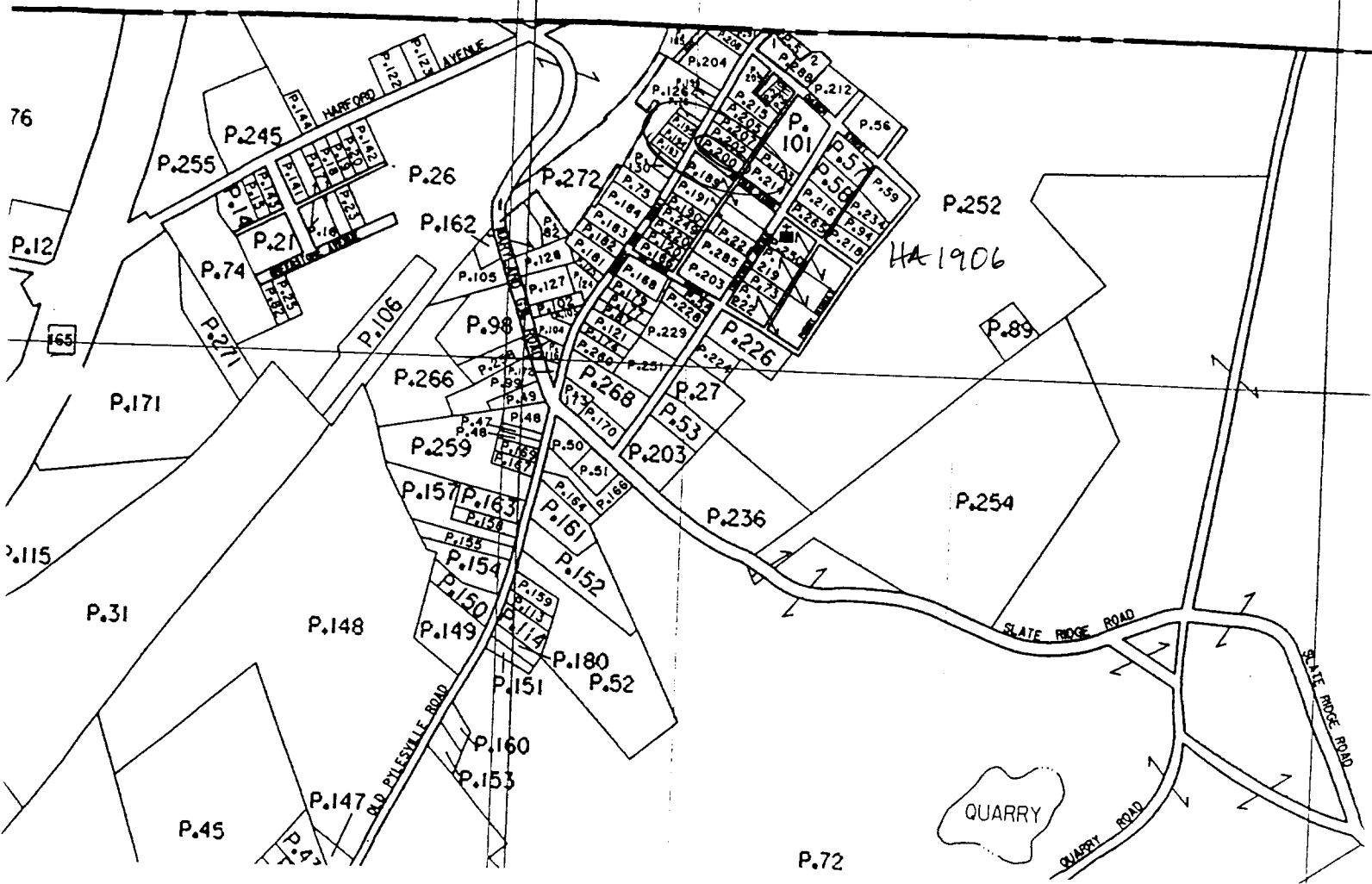
Conversation with Mrs. Betty Williams, June 12, 1995.

Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

Conversations with Mrs. Marion Scaborough, June 20, June 22, July 25, and August 1, 1995 regarding Parry family history.

Harford County Historical Society Archives.

Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.



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Dr. Arthur's House
Parcel 200, Tax Map 5



HA 1906

Dr Arthur's House

Harford County, Maryland

Dianne Klein

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~~Chris Weeks, Harford County, Dept of Planning & Zoning~~

View northeast from Main St at Arthur's street

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~~View northwest from Arthur Street~~

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View east from Main Street

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HA 1966

Dr. Arthur's House

Harford County, Maryland

Dunbar St.

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View east from Main St. of the attached office

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